

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

With the present Amendment, Claim 1, the broadest claim on file, has been amended to define positively the corresponding elements of the device, namely the hub, the pulley, and the vibration-damping element and their specific characteristic features.

It is respectfully submitted that while the patent to Iwabuchi pointed out by the Examiner during the interview contained a gap, it still does not disclose the new features of the present invention, namely the feature that the tool height of the teeth of the inner toothing of the pulley is greater in every operating state than the tooth height of the teeth of the outer toothing of the vibration-damping element.

Reconsideration of the present application and allowance of Claim 1, together with the dependent claims, is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in

formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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